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## The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude



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### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Second Sunday in Lent

Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Irene Collins	
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm</i>	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>		
		<i>11.30am-12.30pm and 4.45pm-5.15pm Confessions at St Dunstan's 3.30pm Confessions at St Jude's</i>			
		<b>4.00pm (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	People of the Parish	
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	<b>5.30pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Patricia Burns (RIP Anni.)	
		<b>9.15am (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Michelle Bird and family	
		<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Children's Liturgy</b>	Mary O'Connor (RIP 20 <sup>th</sup> Anni.)	
		<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	David Kirk (Ints.)	
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Margaret Toal	
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass followed by the Rosary</b>	Amanda Roy (Thanksgiving)	
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>7.00m (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Patrick and Catherine Peyton (RIP Ann.)	
		<b>9.30am (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass followed by Stations of the Cross</b>	Kitty and Mick Finn	
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<i>Vigil and reception</i>	Marie Chatten (RIP)	
		<b>7.00pm (St Jude's)</b>	<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	Mary Wootton	
		<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Shawkey Rofaila Rashid and Nargis Rofaila (RIP)	
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup>	<i>Lent Feria</i>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b>	Marie Chatten (RIP)	
		<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Theresa Hickey (RIP)	
		<b>6.45am</b>	<b>Holy Mass followed by tea and toast</b>	John Collins (RIP)	
		<b>9.30am (St Alban's)</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Bernie Jinks	
		<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>	Zazaf Shafik Saleeb (RIP)	

Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> March	St David	9.30am followed by adoration until evening Mass	Holy Mass	Leonora and Ola Skuriot with family
		6.15pm	Stations of the Cross	
		6.15pm – 6.45pm	Confessions	
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Elizabeth Beirne (RIP Anni.)

**Mass Intentions for next weekend: St Dunstan's:** Saturday 11.00am Sam and Elaine Rashid, 5.30pm McTiernan and Graham families, Sunday 10.30am Kitty O'Sullivan, 12 noon Jim Cunningham (RIP), 6.30pm Mary Ryan.  
**St Jude's:** Saturday 4pm People of the Parish, Sunday 9.15am Lucy Hayden (RIP Anni.).

**We pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently:** Denise Stanley, Helena Lazarz, John Collins, Christopher Crotty, John "Sean" Nash Marie Chatten, Hannah Harman (*Requiem Mass on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am at St Jude's Church*), and Mary O'Connor (*Requiem Mass on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am at St Dunstan's Church*).

**We pray also for those who anniversaries occur in February:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Eddie Kelly, Mary Ann Kelly (1966), 5<sup>th</sup> Lizzie Joyce, 6<sup>th</sup> Eileen Dixon, 7<sup>th</sup> Sr Gemma Vellinghattu, Kuriakose Chirappurayidom, V M Kuriakose, 10<sup>th</sup> Hilda May Walsh (2015), 14<sup>th</sup> Amy May Siviter (1977), 15<sup>th</sup> Denis Drew (2016), 17<sup>th</sup> Noel Stanley (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary), Margaret O'Sullivan, 19<sup>th</sup> Rhys Jones (2011), 20<sup>th</sup> Lionel Joseph Plettell, 22<sup>nd</sup> Ann O'Sullivan (3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary), Joan Kathleen Greer (2002), Ernest St John McElwee (1978), Margaret Morrissy (2013), Catherine Peyton (2001).

**Please pray for the sick of our Parishes:** Michael Martin, Noreen Winhall, Paul Holleran, and Mike Regan.



Today in the Social Centre.  
Doors open at 7pm and bingo starts at 7.30pm.  
Everybody is welcome to come along!

### Welcome to Mass on this Second Sunday of Lent!

Today we contemplate the Transfiguration of the Lord. Confronted by the mysterious sight Peter says: "Master, it is wonderful to be here." That Transfigured Jesus is the One who comes to us in the Sacrifice of the Mass. Let us pray for the gift of faith to recognise Him, and that we may share that same joy of the disciples: *'It is wonderful to be here!'*

**Youth Group today (Sunday):** Preparations for the living Stations of the Cross which will be held in St Dunstan's Church on Palm Sunday. Parents/guardians dropping young people off are welcome to stay for a chat tea, coffee and cake which will be available in the new entrance of church.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will take place at St Jude's on Tuesday. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Evans. We have a good number of young candidates from St Jude's school and children who go to non-Catholic schools. Please remember them all in your prayers.

**A Lenten Proposal** – Join Fr Toby begins for the next stage of the *Spiritual Exercises* of St Ignatius of Loyola. We will be meeting in the Conference Room each

Tuesday evening at 6.00pm throughout Lent.

**Ecumenical Lent Groups for 2024:** Churches Together begin their Lent Groups; The five-week courses start this week:

- Monday, 11.00am, at All Saints Church;
- Tuesday, 8.00pm, on-line led by New Life Baptist Church;
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, 10.30am, at New Life Baptist Church;
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 12.15pm, in St. Dunstan's Conference Room.

**For personal devotion,** you might like to take the Walk With Me booklet available at the back of church that will be an invaluable daily guide through this sacred season. Also, we are so fortunate that St Dunstan's church is open each day for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. Do make good use of these open doors, especially during this season of Lent.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day Collection** this weekend. Gift Aid envelopes are available in both churches. You could also join the Big Lent Walk and raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. This year CAFOD's Lent Appeal is helping fishing communities feed their families in Liberia. There will be a **CAFOD Parish Lent Walk** on Saturday March 16th. We plan to walk to Cannon Hill Park for a picnic (bring your own food and drink), leaving Church after 11am Mass, gathering outside the new main entrance. We hope to picnic between the play park and the lake, near the back entrance to the Mac. Refreshments in the Conference Room on our return. All welcome. For those who would like to use the bus the 35 stops just after the roundabout at the bottom of Salisbury Road, almost opposite the park entrance. Children need to bring a responsible adult with them. Collection on the walk for CAFOD. For more details, please contact Jackie or Brian Trewby: 0121 441 4730 or 07855 464938.

**If you are planning to donate Lenten alms to charity,** the local SVP's funds were, despite your amazing generosity, dramatically depleted by our spending at Christmas (150 hampers, plus boxes of biscuits). We are still getting regular requests for help due to the cost of living. You can put cash in the SVP box in St Dunstan's church, or donate via the tap & go machine.

**World Day of Prayer - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March** This year, happily once again, we will be hosting the World Day of Prayer at 2pm on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March, in the Conference Room. The focus this year, most appropriately, is Palestine. We will be joined by members of other Kings Heath churches - as well as our Mini Vinnies - and, of course, everyone from St Dunstan's and St Jude's will be warmly welcomed. Please do come along and add your prayers and voices to this very lovely service, after which there will be tea and biscuits! We will also be selling a selection of artifacts handmade by the people of Palestine. Any money raised will help them in their desperate struggle.

**Legion of Mary** meet Saturday mornings at St Dunstan's in the Conference Room at 9.30am, and Monday evenings at St Jude's in church at 6pm. Everybody is welcome to come along.

**Journey in Faith** will be at 7.45pm in the Presbytery on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

**Lectio Divina** in the Conference Room after morning Mass every Monday. You are invited to read and reflect on the Gospel of the day and think about God's word.

**Living and Praying the Divine Will** in the Conference Room on Wednesday at 12noon.

**Little Lambs:** A chance for a coffee and chat with other parents, grandparents and carers whilst the children play. Come and join us in the Conference Room from 10.15am to 12.15pm this Friday.

**Lenten Soup Lunches:** This Friday in the Conference Room from 12.30pm.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham organises a pilgrimage to Lourdes.** If you are interested, contact the pilgrimage office on Tel: 0121 230 6288. **Would you be willing to give up a week of your time to assist sick pilgrims in Lourdes?** If so, please email Kathryn, our Chief Nurse ([chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk)) or visit the Diocesan website for more information.

**HCPT Lourdes Fundraiser:** There will be a cake sale after the 12 noon Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

*The Parishes of St Dunstan and St Jude's operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Annette McGrath. They can be contacted at: [sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stdunstan.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/[safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

## ST DUNSTAN'S CAR PARK

We are aware there have been some problems regarding the new parking system in place at St Dunstan's Church. We have taken people's concerns very seriously and have spent a lot of time looking into the concerns that have been raised. We have met with Euro Parking Services to discuss the problems and they have assured us the issues have now been resolved.

Although many PCNs that were issued in error have already been reversed, it may take a little longer for letters to be sent confirming this. Any reversal of PCNs and the issuing of letters is coming from Euro Parking Services and not us, the church.

Please be assured, that we are meeting with Euro Car Parking Services on a weekly basis for an update on progress.

### **This is the response we have received from the Managing Director:**

I want to formally apologise for all the inconvenience and frustration caused by this error to you, the Church, and its congregation and visitors.

On behalf of the Church, we would like to echo the apology of Euro Parking Services for any inconvenience caused, and we would also like to reassure you that you are safe to use the Car Park once again. Please ensure you park in a designated parking space. Our Car Park Management System is an unusually complex bespoke system which has many different 'moving parts', and these technical issues are unfortunate teething problems.

## COLLECTIONS:

	St Dunstan's	St Jude's
<b>Gift Aid:</b>	£ 428.40	£308.00
<b>Non-Gift Aid:</b>	£ 651.96	£178.83
<b>Fabric Fund:</b>	£ 196.70	£218.13
<b>Kiltegan Fathers</b>	£1,226.73	
<b>Contactless:</b>	£ 66.00	
<b>QR Code:</b>	£ -	



You can donate to the Church (with or without Gift Aid) using this QR Code. Do this by scanning this code with the camera of your phone.

There will be a **second collection this weekend** for CAFOD, and **next weekend** for Cathedral Maintenance.

**COLLECT**

O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory.

**A reading from the book of Genesis (22:1-2,9-13,15-18).**

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM (115(116):10,15-19)**

**R: I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.**

I trusted, even when I said:  
'I am sorely afflicted,'  
O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R:**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.  
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name. **R:**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people,  
in the courts of the house of the Lord,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R:**

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Romans (8:31-34)**

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!  
From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:  
'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'  
Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

**Alleluia!**

**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark (1:12-15).**

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

May this sacrifice, O Lord, we pray, cleanse us of our faults and sanctify your faithful in body and mind for the celebration of the paschal festivities.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

As we receive these glorious mysteries, we make thanksgiving to you, O Lord, for allowing us while still on earth to be partakers even now of the things of heaven.